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Opportunity to Object to the Group
Ten Metals, Stillwater West Phase
Two Plan of Operations for Mineral
Exploration Draft Decision Notice
and Finding of No Significant
Impact

District Ranger Ken Coffin of the Custer Gallatin National Forest, Beartooth Ranger District, USDA Forest Service has prepared an environmental assessment and draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact for Group Ten Metals, Stillwater West Phase Two Plan of Operations for Mineral Exploration.

The Group Ten Metals Plan of Operations proposes exploratory drilling at up to thirty-five drill sites over the course of seven operational seasons (2020-2028) on National Forest System lands administered by the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The proposed project area occurs in the Chrome Mountain and Iron Mountain vicinities of the East Boulder Plateau, located approximately 10 miles west of Nye, Montana. Six of the proposed drill sites occur on the Beartooth Ranger District with the remaining twenty-nine located on the Yellowstone Ranger District. Legal location descriptions of the proposed drill site locations are: Sections 33 and 34, T4S, R13E, Sections 2, 3, 11, 12, 13 and 14, T5S, R13E; and Sections 7 and 18, T5S, R14E; occurring within Sweet Grass and Stillwater Counties, Montana. The Plan of Operations as amended also proposes use of three laydown areas, nine water drafting sites and eleven helicopter landing zones located on National Forest System lands. Ground-based vehicle support would access the project area via Pickett Pin Road (Forest Service Road 2140). Up to three track-mounted or portable drill rigs may be utilized. The drills would operate 24 hours per day, 7 days a week during periods of active drilling. Annual operating seasons are defined as July 15 to October 1. All project activities, to include final reclamation, would be completed by no later than October 1, 2028. ~~Reacts to~~ Reacts to calculating the time object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

At a minimum an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(g)):

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1) The objector's name and address;
2) a signature or other verification of signature upon request (a scanned signature for Email may be filed with the objection); 3) when multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification provided upon request); 4) the name of the proposed project, the name of the lead objector (verification provided upon request); 5) a description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies for the objection; supporting reasons for the objection; whether to consider; and 6) a statement prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 218.8(h).

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Jessica Bledsoe
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Residing at Billings, MT

My commission expires: June 25, 2023

